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VOLUME 14. McKINNEY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1897. NUMBER 47.

Our Aim and Object

Is to build up one of the best dry goods businesses ever established in McKinney, and we begin this New Year with an ambition based upon the greatest factor necessary to any good and successful trade

TRUTH,

AND in calling your attention to this one principle, we are mindful of all the requisites to our business. Truth alone cannot sustain us in our push and progressiveness, but we have laid for our building stone this great essential and on it we place our energy and determination to succeed in our efforts. We recall this year just passing us as the beginning of the business we have in view, having been favored by the people almost past our expectation, and should we receive proportionate increase, our trade is established. We have neglected no part of our business, giving it our personal attention in the buying as well as in the selling.

We have in our employ only men and ladies who have nothing to their interest but to wait on and protect their trade—people who live in and around McKinney and who are in perfect accord with this people, and therefore yours as well as our interest will be cared for by them; and to this end let us assure you that co-operation is good in everything to its accomplishment. We therefore urge you to place your accounts with responsible people, stay with them that you may prove a mutual benefit. We concentrate our business as much as possible with reliable wholesale merchants, so we not only have their bargains, but it makes our account worth something to them

And thereby cause them to better protect and appreciate the account. So in a like manner we advise you.

Give Us Your Support.

And we will see that you get value received for every cent spent with us. We have our business on a strictly cash system and believe

We Can Do as Good by You as Any House

In North Texas, and while we are pressing forward, using every honorable means to secure your business.

We do not forget The Interest . . .

Of our city and brother merchants, and we want you to know if we do not have what you want you can find merchants in McKinney who have, the object is to have you

Do Your Trading in Our City.

Believing you can realize more on what you sell and save more on what you buy than any town in the state.

Shoes. Shoes. Shoes.

THE goods we handle have been carefully selected for the benefit of this particular locality, knowing how necessary it is to have something to stand this black land and mud, and we buy with this in view, making our shoe stock the strongest in town,

Our Present Stock Is Good,

But we have bought for Spring one of the best lines ever shown in McKinney and will be able to furnish you any thing in this line.

Every department is well selected and we assure you of the very best things for the money in the Dry Goods line.

Thanking the trade for their liberal support, and wishing for them a prosperous New Year, we place ourselves before them, asking nothing at their hands that we cannot care for and appreciate.

Yours very truly,

McDowell & White.

KENTUCKY STORE.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mayor Pearson and others from here were at the State Reunion in San Antonio last week.

Doc Hill and Price Stiff left last week with a car of cattle for Chicago.

A private letter from Clint Thompson who is sojourning in Roswell N.M. brings the information that he is gaining in health.

Sam A. Smith, one of McKinney's popular blacksmiths, left Tuesday on a visit to his mother at Athen's Ala. He will tour Tennessee before returning.

R. L. Ritche has been appointed Postmaster at Frankford in Collin county.

Mrs. McMurray, of Verona, boarded the train in McKinney, last week, for Richardson, to visit her daughter Mrs. Dr. Rucker.

Burton-Duer.

Dr. Edwin L. Burton and Miss Lizzie Duer were married in this city at 5 p. m. Wednesday Dec. 15th. Rev. J. W. Hill officiated. The ceremony took place at the residence of J. D. Stiff in the presence of a number of invited guests.

Kerr-Ramsey.

Wm. H. Kerr, of Bloomdale, was married last Thursday evening in Dallas to Miss Mary Sue Ramsey. Rev. W. M. Anderson of the first Presbyterian Church officiated. The happy couple have returned and gone to housekeeping. Mr. Kerr is a prosperous young farmer and is making life a success. May he and his bride have a long and joyful wedded life.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex Dec. 16, '97, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Duncan Maggie	Humer Ida
Kelley D W	Layne Pattie
Moore J E	Quarles Mattie
Stimpson Allis 2	Thomas Kate

GENTLEMAN.

Andrews Nealy	Armitage S F
Bassham J C	Fraze Charlie
Hankins B F	Henson G W
Hicks Austin	Howard W R
Hughes J P	Jackson T H
Kate G O	Kingcade W B
Johnson M E	Lewis Bob
Lemons Sam	McAteer Lee
McCowan Y L	Mantooth W C
Moses O M	Odell Stark
Perdue E O	Head C L
Pipper Tom	Ree T C
Reeder Elmore	Roberts A J
Rodgers Td	Robinson H A
Roberts John B	Sherwood J F
Simpson James	Tayler H H
Thomas Wm	Wallen Wm
White Walter	Watson C W
Wilson Wallace	Young J L

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

Mrs. M. A. Cameron
Postmistress.

Program of Nevada Institute.

FRIDAY, DEC 31.

1 p. m. History Methods, J. E. Jackson and H. O McCain.

1:45, Language Lessons, Discussion led by Geo. G. Evans.

3:00. Prin. and Supt. Reading Methods; Disonssion led by Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Jackson.

FRIDAY NIGHT EXERCISES.

The following program, supplemented with music, will be rendered:

Orations. The Parent and the Teacher, Geo. G. Evans; The Teacher and the Parent, Prof. Bowen; Our Country Boys, E. P. Downing; The Public Schools of Texas, Geo. A. Tallant; The Teacher's Responsibility, Dan E. Dean; Essay, Miss Mattie Moxley. All speeches limited to fifteen minutes.

SATURDAY.

9:30 a. m. Punctuality, G. W. Gambrel and L. A. Glass.

10:15. Penmanship, J. C. Barton.

11:00. Drawing in our Public Schools, Miss Zilpha Eads.

1:00 p. m. Teachers in a Fraction Class, Intel. Arth. conducted by Prof. Teel.

1:45. Spelling Class, conducted U. A. Standefer.

2:10 Psychology—Perception, Methods and Mistakes in educating same, Geo. A. Tallant.

Teachers' Central Institute.

The Central Teachers' Institute will meet in the district court room, in McKinney, Jan. 14 & 15. All teachers are expected to be present.

FRIDAY'S PROGRAM.

9:30 to 10. Local Secretaries' Reports.

10 to 10:30. Discussion of Professional Courtesy, Prof. Jacobs

Opening Exercises, T. W. Langham and D. D. Kemper.

11:00 to 12. Physics, Properties of Matter, O. C. Stubbs and G. P. Gadberry.

1:30 to 2. Discussion of Vocal Music in Schools, Z. A. C. Harris and J. B. Warren.

2:00 to 3. Moral Science, J. R. Hendrix and W. H. Rayzor.

3:00 to 4. Our Country Schools Must be Graded, Tom Hogge and J. E. Jackson.

Friday night's exercises will consist of recitations, music and address by some good speaker.

SATURDAY, JAN. 15.

10:00 to 11. Three Methods of Teaching Primary Reading, Mrs. Borum and Miss Clay Haggard.

11:00 to 12. Geometry, Second Book, S. J. Cresswell and J. W. Miller.

1:30 to 2:30. Language, Prof. Moulton and Miss Annie Spradlev.

2:30 to 3. Query Box.

3:00 to 3:30. Report of Program Committee.

W. W. SHEPHERD, Co. Supt.
MISS BETTIE PARKER, Sec.

NOT ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD.

A fact often overlooked, or not always understood, is that women suffer as much from distressing kidney and bladder troubles as the men. The womb is situated back of and very close to the bladder, and for that reason any distress, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort.

The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided by setting uring aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling is evidence that your kidneys and bladder need doctoring. If you have pain or dull aching in the back, pass water too frequently, or scanty supply, with smarting or burning—these are also convincing proofs of kidney trouble. If you have doctored without benefit, try Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy. The mild and the extraordinary effect will surprise you. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures. If you take a medicine you should take the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention THE DEMOCRAT, and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghampton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

Thursday at Sherman J. K. Turney, a Grayson county farmer, securred marriage permits for the tripple weddings of his three children—two daughters and a son. The eldest daughter was seventeen and son under age.

Deep Wells In West Collin.

The mode of getting water by the deep well process is coming into extensive use among West Collin farmers. A number have already been bored in the "flats" section with good results. The depth necessary to reach water ranges from 300 to 700 feet and good supplies are found which is lifted by means of windmills. These supplies are not dependent upon surface conditions, hence are not affected by long drouths, during which stock water so often becomes scarce, expensive and inconvenient to provide.

John Greenwood of Prosper is having one of these wells bored and will also place in a small flouring mill of sufficient capacity to do his own grinding. Another one is being bored by Geo. Parvin, and Mrs. Mary Shipley, Messers. Butts, Sib Stone, H. F. Doyle, Andy Mahard and others already have them in operation. The little town of Celina also has one which affords an ample supply for its citizens' needs.

We understand the first water bearing strata underlying this county outcrops in the cross timbers of Denton. At McKinney it is something more than 700 feet to this stratum, as was found in putting down the artesian well on the northwest corner of the public square, and at which the West Collin farmers find satisfactory supplies at varying depths.

McKinney Nurseries.

Filled more orders during the month of November, 1897, than during any three months since being established in 1874.

Our fine new fruits this season produced 500 bushel of fruit per acre, which we sold at one and two dollars per bushel.

We have the trees and we have the varieties. And you can have the fruit, wealth and luxury simply by planting and growing them.

The Chinese Pears and Peaches and the Japanese Plums and Persimmons will enrich every person who plants and cultivates them liberally.

See our catalogue, sent free, and send us your orders.

Address
J. E. W. [illegible]

PRINCETON PICK-UPS.

Big School Enrollment — Anna Mission Dissolved and Princeton Circuit Created.

Dec. 13, '97.

Miss Mollie Creswell is assisting Mr. Chance with his school. She took charge of the primary department last Monday. They have 75 pupils enrolled.

Miss Effie King entertained a number of her young friends in a delightful way last Monday evening.

John Spargher came over from Bonham Friday looking after land interest near here.

Mr. B. Geirhart disposed of his household goods, corn, farming implements, stock, etc., at a public sale Friday. R. A. Bishop bought his farm, consideration $1200. Mr. and Mrs. Geirhart and son, Edwin will leave for Indiana in a short time.

D. C. Efird and Geo. Allen are in the Nation this week.

Anna Mission is no more. Anna was added to the Weston circuit. Melissa was discontinued. Princeton, Wilsons Chapel, Bear Creek, Little Creek and Milams Chapel were organized into a work which honors our village to the extent of bearing the name "Princeton Circuit." The three latter named places are situated between Copeville and Nevada. Rev. H. M. Pirtle who was stationed on Gober Circuit last year is to serve us next conference year. He has been here several times during the past ten days "talking parsonage." He and his family are now located at Wilsons Chapel. We are to have the parsonage at Princeton. Mrs. Harriet Wilson has donated an acre of land—a beautiful site—and money is being subscribed. The plan and specifications are drawn up and work is expected to begin Tuesday next.

Princeton cotton gin has pressed 1040 bales.

Mrs. George Russell returned from a visit to relatives in McKinney Saturday.

J. B. Jones and family have moved within three miles of Allen.

W. B. Trotter returned from Plano Friday.

Messrs Shipman and Sappinfield hauled their household goods from Climax and loaded on a T. & P. car here, to be shipped to the Territory. This move is the outcome of a prospecting tour these gentlemen took in the summer.

J. T. Davis was doing some carpenter work south of McKinney last week.

Mrs. Bailey has moved into her new residence, and E. W. Hickman is located in his old home.

S. Spivey of Heardland was in Dallas Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alma Wilson's baby boy is still very low.

The following is a list of preaching appointments for each church on Princeton Circuit during the month: 1st, Sunday, Princeton; 2nd, Sunday, Bear Creek at 11 o'clock, and Little Creek at 3:30 and at night; 3rd., Sunday, Wilsons Chapel; 4th, Sunday, Milams Chapel.

Misses Mittie and Esther Rambo returned to their home in Merrit Saturday after a pleasant visit to friends in this village.

The first Quarterly Conference for Princeton Circuit 1897-98 will be held next Saturday and Sunday Dec. 18th and 19th, at the Methodist church Princeton. Rev. I. S. Ashburn, presiding Elder, will preach Saturday at 11 o'clock, at night and Sunday at 11 o'clock. Everybody invited.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Briefly Culled For The Readers of The Democrat.

Bud and Brooks Reynolds were hanged at Atlanta last week for murdering a merchant.

William Johnson was hanged at Covington, Tenn., Dec. 17.

John Hardin was hanged at Welch, W. Va., Dec. 17.

A wintry blast of snow, sleet, rain and wind swept over North Texas beginning Friday.

A Mexican farmer living near San Antonio fell under the wheels of his wagon and was killed, Friday.

Eleven steamers sailed from New York for Klondike during the first half of the month of December.

Peter Maher wants to fight anybody for the heavy weight championship of the world.

Eugene Burt has been sentenced to hang Jan. 21, 1898. He murdered his wife and two children in Austin 2 years ago.

Kid McCoy defeated Dan Creedon in New York on the 16th, and won the middle weight championship of the world.

Bud Beard, (col.) aged 14, was hanged in Pickens county, Ala. Dec. 17. He assaulted an

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

D. Head & Son dry goods merchants of Denton, Tex., and Ardmore, I. T. made an assignment at both places Dec. 16. Total liabilities about $20,000.

Bartender Claude Bryant was killed in Louisville, Ky., Friday. His slayer C. W. Dearing is a son of President C. T. Dearing of the Louisville Book Company.

Wm. Terriss a prominent Sacramento actor was assassinated just as he was entering the theatre. The assassin stabbed him just below the heart.

The United States court house at Ardmore burned The value of the building was $15,000. The fire spread to a cotton yard and burned $1300 worth of cotton.

William Carr was hanged at Kansas City, Friday for murdering his 3 year-old child. He bound the child's hands and feet, strung a rock to its breast and cast it into the river.

The famous Paris model, Lucie Hagerland, has had her beauty destroyed by vitriol thrown at her by another model named Juiduicelli in a fit of jealousy.

Mrs. Hallenbeck was killed in a railroad wreck at Crescent, ten miles South of Fort Smith, Ark., on a branch of the Iron Mountion. Two trains, a passenger and a coal train collided. The woman fell in between two cars when the wheels ran over her. Several others were hurt including two of Mrs. Hollenbeck's children.

R. R. TIME CARD.

H. & T. C.

North bound,	Cannon ball	5:21 a. m.
"	No 3	9:47 a. m.
"	No. 15	12:28 p. m.
"	No 1	7:50 p. m.
South bound	No 2	8:17 a. m.
"	No. 16	3:10 p. m.
"	No 4	5:53 p. m.
"	Cannon Ball	10:05 p. m.

EAST LINE.

Passenger leaves.	10. 35 a. m.
Local "	3:00 p. m.
Passenger, arrives.	5.50 p. m
Local "	10. 30 a. m

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Gentlemen's Clothing CLEANED, DYED AND PRESSED.
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THE DEMOCRAT.

THURSDAY. DEC. 23. 1897

P. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor.
WALTER B. WILSON, Local Editor.

The world is a bundle of hay,
Mankind are the asses who pull;
Each tugs it a different way,
And the greatest of all is John Bull
—Lord Byron.

Ex-Postmaster Washington Hesing of Chicago died very suddenly, Saturday of heart disease.

Sherman's destitute are looked after by a benevolent society. It is composed of the ladies of the city.

The Mercury was badly scorched in a fire Friday night, but will issue as usual so says Editor Parks. We do not know the extent of its damage.

The post office at Grapevine, Tarrant county, Texas, was burglarized on the night of the 18th A five dollar bill was missed from the office.

A man with a brave heart will pass safely o'er the tide of life. Like certain birds of ocean flight he can even rest upon the waves.

The city council of Sherman reduced the salaries of city officers. The total reductions amount to $2160 per year.

While the steamer City of Washington was on a trip from Vera Cruz a few days ago $3000 of Mexican money was stolen. The money was consigned to a London firm.

The New York Sun Publishing company has sued the Associated Press for a quarter of a million dollars damages under the Sherman anti-trust law of 1890.

It is given out that a trust is to be formed consolidating all the stamping, Porcelain and Japanned ware companies, capital involved $10,000,000.

A big syndicate of capitalists are bidding for a 50 year franchise to operate an underground system of railways.

Claus Spreckles, the sugar king of Hawaii, has purchased 12,000 acres of land in California and will devote it to the sugar beet trust.

J. B. Fugit issued on the 17th, the first number of the Nevada News. May it not go the way of its predecessors, but thrive and live.

It is just as reasonable to say that the banks should be deprived of the governing business as to say that the government should abstain from the banking business, and, we believe, more so.

Editor Johnson of the Houston Post is a candidate for lieutenant governor on the democratic ticket. The Post has endorsed the principal of government ownership Wonder if Mr Johnson will try to get this principle of populism fixed in the platform of his party?

Notwithstanding the stringent trust laws, there are more trusts being formed now than ever before. Almost daily we read of some huge combination of capital for the purpose of controlling the sale of some product. These trusts are being formed without any attempt at secrecy.

Foreign immigrant are pouring into the New York Barge office at the rate of 1000 per day. It is claimed that this is four times as many as usually arrive in the month of December. Steamers across the Atlantic are selling tickets at reduced rates. It is said that it is being reported on the other side that "prosperity" prevails in the United States and that the present congress will likely pass an anti-immigration law, hence the scramble of the poor, deluded men, women and children to America.

The recent sleety and freezing weather has caused a great deal of damage to Northern and Western Texas. Fearful reports of stock dying in the west comes through the daily papers. Telegraph and telephone wires were prostrated under a heavy load of ice and communication thereby almost suspended. It is thought that the rain and sleet has benefitted wheat in North Texas, but otherwise the county has been damaged to the amount of thousands of dollars.

A Running Sore

From Head to Foot—Terrible Case of Eczema Completely Cured—Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, All Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I was troubled with eczema and had it so bad that I was almost a running sore from head to foot. I did not receive benefit from the doctors, and thought I would try Hood's Sarsaparilla. Since taking a few bottles of this medicine I have not been troubled with eczema. It purified my blood and cured me." JOHN MOST, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

"I was afflicted with blood poison. I concluded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after taking three bottles the symptoms of blood poisoning disappeared. I believe Hood's Sarsaparilla to be the best medicine on the market." BROTHER P. A. [illegible], Tucson, Arizona.

Recent startling publications appeared in the Dallas News regarding a great cotton swindle in which a North Texas cotton buyer consigned to a New York broker firm a big batch of "dog tail" or linters cotton, represented as good middling and thereby reaped a profit of a big amount of money variously estimated at from $20,000 to $60,000. It is claimed the man much wanted now by New York speculators is in Mexico.

The following is taken from the resolutions of a meeting held at Memphis, Dec. 20, of the American Cotton Growers association:

"This association shall aim above all, to teach American cotton growers; First, to reduce the cost of production of cotton. Second, to practice the principles of thrift and economy, which shall enable him to escape debt and make his cotton a real money crop. Third, to make all his own supplies at home, to the end that the crop when produced may be all his own. Fourth, to hold his crop each year until he can sell it to the best advantage Fifth, to build factories for manufacturing cotton goods near the cotton fields, so that he may receive the largest returns from each annual cotton crop and that the home markets may be built up for all other farm products."

At a meeting of the Federation of Labor at Nashville the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that we declare ourselves positively opposed to the Gage financial bill recently introduced in congress by the secretary of the treasury It is a measure that if adopted as a law will only allow the more firmly riveting of the gold standard on the people of the country and perpetuate its disastrous effects in every form.

"Resolved, that we pronounce the Gage bill an undisguised effort to retire our greenback currency and all government paper money with a view to the substitution of national bank notes in their stead and thus fasten the national bank system for years upon the American people."

Dr. C. M. Rosser is very positive against the tax on physicians and says:

"The attitude of the state toward the medical profession is certainly very inconsistent. A tax upon the calling could hardly be imposed upon any theory except that a physician's knowledge and skill is his personal property and capitol, and therefore subject to tribute for protection, and yet public sentiment not only demands that the indigent sick be cared for, but the law as now interpreted compels physicians to testify in criminal cases without compensation, thus denying that his opinion is his personal property and capital."

In conversation with a tax-payer of McKinney recently the subject of charity was introduced. THE DEMOCRAT reporter was treated to a very interesting talk from said tax-payer about as follows:

"I am getting utterly disgusted with the average bigoted self important official who delivers his ante-election report of receipts and disbursments of funds with a view of "pleasing" the unsuspecting voter. The real extravagance of the disbursments are explained in glowing and pleasing language as public necessities and required to establish and maintain the grandeur and dignity of the community. The squandering of a few thousand dollars on a public building, the raising of salaries or the lengthening out of the pie-counter is treated with eloquent and whitewashing words. When it comes to the disbursments of charity funds it is attempted to show that said funds were "carefully" handled and disbursed sparingly and judiciously. The poor farm is made almost if not wholly self sustaining by working its unfortunate occupants with that single idea in view. Our property is taxed to sustain the subjects of charity yet not a day passes but what the hat is passed around to aid some unfortunate individual or family. Such incidents reflect seriously upon our official forces who should have such matters in charge. After I have paid my taxes for nearly a lifetime and then become a citizen in poverty, should I be put to the humiliation of begging from door to door? I insist, that I should not. I am entitled to aid and protection and should not be treated as a menial. The citizens pay their taxes and are entitled to know why the disbursments are not made honestly and humanely. The bombastic economists who succeed in getting to the pie-counter never seem to cherish the idea of curtailing officialism and salaries or appropriations of favoriteism. They would rather talk about the self-sustaining poor farms and improvements gained by convict labor. Yet distress is in our midst and subjects of charity are dependant on generous hearted individuals and taxes continue to grow in every farm. Every occupation is taxed down to the peddler of products of field or orchard."

A fire destroyed the Southern Mercury plant at Dallas Dec. 18. Milton Park announces that the Mercury will go forth from the Western Newspaper office. Mr. Parks says that fire cannot impede the progress of populist [illegible]

Form No. 291.

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TO Collin County Bank, McKinney, Texas.

I will honor M. E. Purnell's draft for any amount.

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$80,000 BANKRUPT STOCK.

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New York City, Dec. 17. 1897.

Mr. M. E. Purnell,

McKinney, Texas.

We are in receipt of your telegram. Glad to note you have purchased the stock; no doubt it is a good bargain and you will rapidly turn it into money. Your draft will be promptly honored on presentation charging you 5 per cent for the use of money. Friend Purnell, we realize the fact that you are going to make us proud of you and become one of the best representatives in that part of the state. You are aiming high and we predict in five years hence you ought to be worth not less than $75000. Stick to 549 and you will get there. L. GOODMAN.

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This big Stock in connection with the original RACKET STORE Stock gives us twice as many goods as we can keep. These goods will be

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Genuine Rouss System Bargain,

That will make the Men talk all day and the Ladies all night.

McKinney merchants have at last met their mercantile master. We have the Goods and will sell you the same article at retail for less than the Old Regular Merchants who buy of drummers and on long time have to pay. How can we do this? Listen: We buy in all Bankrupt Stocks, all forced sales at 50c on the dollar. We have as our Backer and Manager, Charles Broadway Rouss, the Old Confederate, who 22 years ago walked to New York from Virginia, penniless and friendless, $51,000 in debt. But his fertile brain, his untiring energy and his management has accumulated Ten Millions of Dollars. He is the greatest Merchant and Financier America has ever produced. We stick to the Rouss System, Underbuy, and will Undersell.

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RACKET STORE.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed issued by County Clerk Walden at McKinney, Tex., since our last report:

W F Holmes and Miss D M Saye.

J W Petts and Miss Ella Evans.

William Slavy and Mrs. C Thompson.

S Spivey and Miss Whitewright

G F Mallow and Miss F M Carter.

J A Haas and Miss Hattie Williams.

Coke A Morris and Miss Kittie B Scoggins.

W A Fanman and Miss Hattie James.

Wilson Wilder and Miss Julia McChurl.

J B Barnett and Miss Maggie Norwood.

W H Cowan and Miss Emma Grant.

J W Hardy and Miss M L Beasley.

J E Patterson and Miss Carrie Phillips.

W E Bozman and Miss Hattie Whitley.

C Simmons and Mrs. N J Tanner.

Edwin L. Burton and Miss Lizzie May Duer.

D B Fisher and Miss Jennie Scalf.

W V Roberson and Miss Mollie Judd.

Charles E Meyers and Miss Dora Crawford.

The farmers of Hill county have organized and resoluted against gambling in futures. At a meeting held at Hillsboro the following resolutions were adopted:

ization in every county in the state for the purpose of opposing all manner of gambling in market products of all sorts and this we hope to see done as an industrial movement regardless of party lines.

2. We condemn the system of gambling as conducted by the futures board of the New York cotton exchange and therefore resolve that we use our united efforts to suppress it by state and national legislation for the purpose of securing a return to the cotton factory system of commission merchants.

3. We urge that these demands be placed in all political platforms and suggest that further and more definite resolutions be deferred to some subsequent meeting.

A Novel Scheme.

Judge James Moreland, commander of the local ex-confederate camp, received a circular letter to-day that is novel, if nothing else. The letter is from a post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Ohio, and states a proposition as new as it is noves. The commander of the post statel that there is a plan on foot, by Grand Army posts in Ohio, which outlines a plan for all ex-federal and ex-confederate soldiers in America to unite, elect delegates to a convention and nominate a candidate for the presidency, and after the nominations, elect him. The platform of this candidate for the presidency is to be a pension for every soldier of the union and every soldier of the confederacy. The letter says:

"If there had been no confederate soldiers there would have [illegible] for a principle they believed to be right. The ex-confederate soldiers of to-day are Americans of the best type. They are supporters of the nation and of the federal constitution. They contribute to the industrial wealth of the country and pay a very large proportion of its taxes. They are American citizens, and were American soldiers their, and why not they, too, be entitled to a pension from the government that they help to support and maintain?"

The circular states that the Grand Army posts can be thoroughly organized to the end proposed, and if the ex-confederates will stand solidly together the old soldiers can elect a president and a congress in 1900, and every soldier of the late civil war, no matter which side he fought on, can draw a pension of $30 per

"That scheme sounds reasonable to me," said Judge Moreland. "I believe it right and plausible, and will be in favor of it. It looks like it might work, doesn't it?"

M. K. & T. Local Holiday Excusions.

For the Christmas and New Year Holidays the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway will sell round trip tickets between all points on its line at rate of one and one third fares for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 24th, 25th and 31st., 1897, and January 1st., 1898. Good for return until January 3rd., 1898.

Yours truly,

W. G. C[illegible]

GET WELL

If you are weak and thin, nervous, dyspeptic and generally run down you need a tonic which will make good blood and build you up.

DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC

has restored thousands of sufferers to health—will cure you. One of the thousands of grateful testimonials we have received in the last 42 years.

Convalescent Home, New Orleans, La.

I used one bottle of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic for myself. I was weak, run down by overwork. It braced me up and set my nervous system right and now I am as strong and firm as ever. I used another bottle on a weak patient who could hardly walk after an attack of malaria. He gained strength and soon was at work as well as ever. I can truthfully recommend Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic to be the best I have ever tried, and hope it will be the good fortune of many to get its benefits as I have done.

Yours truly, R. PARKER, Founder.

Sold everywhere. Sample dose of Dr. Harter's Little Liver Pills and Book of Dreams mailed Free

Address HARTER, DAYTON, OHIO.

Dr. Harter's Little Liver Pills do the business.

LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

Mrs. W. G. Archenbach and daughter, Miss Lucile visited here last week.

Cox & Berry are getting a big share of McKinney's grocery trade.

Constable M. F. Medlin, of Weston, was in town Monday.

Phone your orders to Melton for your Xmas goods.

Miss Lillian Kerr was united in marriage to T. Cunningham at Vineland, Sunday, Rev. W. P. Cloyd officiated.

Catarrh, like scrofula, is a disease of the blood and may be cured by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

O! My!! Go and sample that "New Crop" La., Syrup at Mate Barnett's.

Great Bargains in Beautiful Christmas China goods at J. T. Nale's.

Miss Addie Kerr and Tom Sneed attended the bridal pair at the Kerr-Ramsey nuptials in Dallas, Thursday.

For bargains in groceries see Goostree & Houston, McKinney, Texas.

Miss Judith English of Roseland was the guest of Miss Mattie Houston a portion of last week.

Melton is strictly up to date when it comes to holiday groceries.

Buy your holiday whiskies where you get the best, at City Drug Store.

J. W. Stephens' store at Lebanon was burglarized of a small cash amount Thursday night.

Old Tennessee Apple Brandy and Maryland Peach, at City Drug Store.

Melton wants 100 dozen eggs at once.

Jim Smith, the Vineland merchant, was hauling out Christmas goods by the wagon load Tuesday.

Medical men say rheumatism is the forerunner of heart disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures rheumatism by its action on the blood.

Why not buy your next groceries of Goostree & Houston.

Spend your nickel at the Nickel Store.

The biggest store in McKinney is J. P. Crouch & Co.'s and it is filled to overflowing with goods.

Mrs. Dr. Wooten has returned from a visit to Gainesville She will leave for her home in Austin tomorrow.

Everything at greatly reduced prices at Melton's during the Holidays

Backache, Sprains Bruises, Cuts, Rheumatism speedily cured by using Hunt's Lightning Oil. Failing, money refunded.

Fragrant are the flowers, blue is the sky
Sweet is the note of the lark's [morning cry,
Delicious is the Bouquet of Canada Rye
of R. E. Bristol, sole agent City Drug Store.

J. L. Dysart, of Anna, and Miss Mabel Wade of Russellville, Ky., were married in McKinney Friday. Eld. J. N. Crutcher officiated.

Immense stock of groceries for selections at Goostree & Houstons.

The Estey piano is taking the lead with sweet clear tone upon the same basis that placed the Estey organ ahead. First class material and superior workmanship. J. T. Couch.

Just received, one car load of **Fresh Portland Cement**; also fire clay brick, sand, lime, etc. For sale cheap at Wilcox & Sons' **Lumber Yard.**

J. S. Young, formerly in charge of the Foote House at McKinney will assume control of the Southern Hotel of Mineral Wells Jan. 1.

For Constipation take Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great Blood Purifier, Cures Headache, Nervousness, Eruptions on the face, and makes the head clear as a bell. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Don't be misled. The only place you can buy the Genuine Canada Rye is of R. E. Bristol, sole agent, City Drug Store.

J. T. Nale will fit you out for house keeping cheaper than any other house in North Texas. One door east of the post office.

See Goostree & Houston for wholesale and retail groceries.

J. W. Coleman was thrown from a wagon by a car on the S. S. & S. at the crossing in this city and painfully hurt one day last week.

Catarrh Cured. A clear head and sweet breath secured with Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy; sold on a guarantee. Nasal injector free. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

A span of good small mules for sale at Melton's.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair,
DR.
PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER

W. M. Hynds spent Sunday here. For several years he was a leading McKinney grain and cotton buyer, but is now at Whitewright.

NO CURE--NO PAY

That is the way all druggists sell GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC for Malaria, Chills and Fever. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer it to bitter, nauseating Tonics. Price 50c.

Rare old Peach and Brandies, Wines Gin and Kentucky Whiskies at City Drug Store.

The old reliable second hand store will pay cash for all kinds of second hand goods, 2d door east of postoffice.

Old Santa has made his first assignment of Christmas toys and the Nickle Store has received it. Call and see the pretty articles.

A fresh line of Blanke & Bros. candies at Melton's for Xmas.

Eugene Kerr, an A. & M. teacher came up from Bryan to spend the holidays with his parents at Vineland.

WHAT Dr. A. E. SALTER SAYS:

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Gents:—From my personal knowledge, gained in observing the effect of your Shiloh's Cure in cases of advanced consumption, I am prepared to say is the most remarkable Remedy that has ever been brought to my attention. It has certainly saved many from Consumption. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

To our country friends: We carry a large, complete and new stock of groceries all the time and invite you to inspect the same. We want your trade. —Goostree & Houston.

Sole agency for I. W. Harper Canada Rye, Chase's Barley Malt, Paul Jones Rye, Delmonico and full stock of Best Brands. Handmade sour mash from Kentucky, at City Drug Store

Karl's Clover Root Tea, for Constipation it's the Best and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

The McKinney Electric Light company is placing in new machinery at their plant which will give better lighting facilities for our town, especially in the way of street lighting.

Farmers, take your produce to Goostree & Houston for highest prices. They will also sell you the cheapest groceries.

J. C. Williams, wife and little daughter, Ruby, left Tuesday for Newport, Tenn., to spend the holidays.

Stop that Cough! Take warning. It may lead to Consumption. A 25c. bottle of Shiloh's Cure may save your life. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Fresh Celery and Cranberries at Melton's for Xmas.

Fine Blanke candies at Cox & Berry's

Shiloh's Consumption Cure cures where others fail. It is the leading Cough Cure, and no home should be without it. Pleasant to take and goes right to the spot. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Innumerable articles and lines of ware at J. P. Crouch & Co.'s. Anything from a complete housekeeping outfit to tiniest toys can be found in their big three story house.

Ben Burns, who eluded the officers in the courtroom last week, voluntarily returned and gave himself up, Monday, to the Sheriff.

Valuable to Women.

Especially valuable to women is Browns' Iron Bitters. Backache vanishes, headache disappears, strength takes the place of weakness, and the glow of health comes to the pallid cheek when this wonderful remedy is taken. For sickly children or overworked men it has no equal. No home should be without Browns' Iron Bitters. For sale by all dealers.

The city trade will remember that it can find the freshest and best qualities of anything in the way of groceries at Goostree & Houston's.

Does your house need painting? Go to Wilcox & Sons' **Lumber Yard** for Vane Calvert **Palace Car Colors**, the best paint "on earth;" also Collier's White Lead, **Pure** Linseed oil, Brushes, Window glass, etc.

John Kregans, an old man, fell and broke his hip bone on the slippery ice, Saturday. This was the most serious accident occurring during the late icy spell in our town.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by City Drug Store

Lige Runnels of Allen was hooked in the eye by a steer at the stock pens in this city Thursday. At first it was feared the sight was destroyed but Dr. A. J. Caldwell, who attended him is hopeful of preserving it.

50 doses for 50 cents. Is the same size of other $1. bottles, and money refunded if Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to give entire satisfaction Try it costs nothing if not saisfied.

Cox & Berry can furnish you with holiday groceries, candies, etc. See them before you buy.

Announcement.

The Nickle Store hereby notifies all that the holidays are coming, and Santa's holding out place in McKinney will be on its counters, Call and pay your respects to him early.

J. P. Crouch & Co, greet the public with a prodigious stock from which holiday presents of any kind can be selected.

The Collin County Mill and Elevator company have contracted for new machinery which will increase their daily capacity from 200 to 300 barrels. [illegible]

M'KINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

Cotton	4.50 to 5.25
Wheat per bus	90to 92cts.
Corn per bus	28 to 30cts.
Oats per bus	21 to 22cts
Hay baled per ton	$5.50 to $6.50
Millet hay per ton	$5.50 to $6.50.
Flour per cwt	$2.40 to $2.75.
Cotton seed per ton	$6.00 to $6.50.
Baled Oats per ton	$6.50.
Meal per bus	40 to 45cts.
Straw per ton	$5.00
Chops per cwt	75cts.
Bran per cwt	75 to 80cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 12½cts.
Eggs per doz	10 to 15cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2.00 to $2.50.
Hogs per cwt	$2.25 to $2.75.
Beef on foot per cwt	$2.25 to $2.50.
Beef dressed per lb	5cts.
Dressed pork per lb	4cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.75 to 2.25.
Irish Potatoes, per bu	75 to 80cts.
Sweet Potatoes, per bu	50 to 75cts.
Turnips, per bu	50cts.

A chronic kicker is bad enough, but a continual scratcher is worse. Better imitate a mule than a hen. Hunt's Cure will do up the worst case of Itch, Tetter, Ringworms, Itching Piles, Eczema known. Price 50c.

A small cottage just north of the post office caught fire Thursday afternoon and caused the fire alarm to be turned in. The flames were extinguished before much damage was done. Hook and Ladder Truck No. 1 suffered a smash up in trying to find the fire. The driver endeavored to turn up North Chestnut street but the team was going at such a rate of speed east it could not be reined sufficient and as a result dashed into Smith & Forsythe's blacksmith shop. No one was hurt but the truck tongue was broken and one of the horses was slightly injured.

Punctual delivery to any part of the city of all groceries bought at Goostree & Houston.

Charles W. Adams, who once resided in McKinney, has embarked in the drug business at Hustonville, Ky. His many friends in McKinney wish him success in his new enterprise.

Does it pay? Yes, because in case Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to cure or give satisfaction the purchase money is refunded. Try a bottle.

Walter Jackson is in jail. He was the colored porter of Huggin's barber shop in McKinney when it was burglarized a short time since and is now charged with the crime.

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit—Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and its merits have been proven by a test of many years. Such letters as the following, from L. G. Bagley, Hueneme, Cal., are constantly being received: "The best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism, lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale by City Drug Store.

Wanted Salesmen. Reliable men to to sell our Lub'g Oils and Greases from samples. Liberal terms offered. Address, The Howard Oil & Grease Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Scholarship for Sale

A scholarship for sale in one of the best business colleges of the state. Call at THE DEMOCRAT

Dennis Jaguers, colored, died Sunday and was buried, Monday. He was a familiar character in McKinney and in years past figured in one or more desperate encounters with another member of his race.

How to prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine it is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.—Olagah, Ind. Ter. Chief. This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have used it for colds and la grippe we have never yet learned of a single case having resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by City Drug Store.

C. N. Vincent who engaged in the restaurant and bakery business in our city a few months ago has closed the doors of his establishment and returned to Waco. We do not know whether he will resume or not in our city.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, } ss.
Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. Frank J. Cheney.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

{seal} A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c, Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Mr. Hardaway and R. G. Hendricks living southeast of town, are among the Christmas pilgrims that have gone to revisit the "old home" in Tennessee.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package.

W. T. Hibbitts, who had been visiting his brother, Frank Hibbitts, returned to his home at Lanham, Tex., last week. Mr. Hibbitts is a merchant and postmaster at that place. His mother, Mrs. M. J. Hibbitts, who accompanied him to McKinney, remained and is now visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Brooks, residing a few miles north west of town a few miles.

Stock Pasture To Rent.

I am prepared to furnish good stock pasture, 3 miles north of McKinney, on McKinney and Melissa road. Rates reasonable.

Woodmen of The World.

Magnolia Camp No 431, W. of W., met Monday night at their new hall on East Louisiana street, and elected officers for the new year as follows:

A. J. Caldwell, C. C.
E. R. Hall, A. L.
Orvan H. Brooks, B.
Kent K. Kerr, C.
T. R. Webb. E.
Jesse Atkinson, W.
John C. Coffey, S.
A. C. Varner, J. C. Saunders, and A. A. Wolcott. Managers.
Installation, Jan. 3, 1898.

Hurt In a Runaway.

A horse hitched to a delivery wagon driven by Bob Sawyer ran away in the west part of town, Thursday afternoon. Sawyer jumped out and was only slightly bruised, while the two other occupants, Chas. Kendrick and Joe Dexter were quite seriously hurt. Both of Kendrick's legs were broken at and near the ankle which happened by his feet being caught in the wheels as he was jumping from the wagon. Dexter was thrown out and rendered insensible for quite awhile, but no bones were broken. Kendrick's misfortune was indeed a sad one and he will be fortunate if his feet can be saved from amputation. For several years past he has been conducting a confectionary and restaurant in this city, but has not prospered, though making many friends. Next day after his great calamity A. B. Carroll and R. E. Chambers interviewed a number of these friends who cheerfully responded with nearly $90 in cash, besides in other substantial manners, to the relief of Mr. Kendrick who has a wife and two little children.

Made His Escape.

The county court and all spectators were treated to a lively surprise in the court house Monday evening.

One Ben Burns, of Nevada, was on trial for violating the local option law. The jury retired and in a few minutes had arranged their verdict and re-appeared. The County clerk began to read: "We the jury find the defendant guilt—"

Pat Moulden—Wo, up! hold on. He's gone!

The prisoner had made his escape from the court room and when and how no one seemed to know. A diligent search was made but no Burns could be found. The judge arrested the reading of the verdict and sent the jury back to their private room till the town could be searched. The officers looked everywhere, but without avail, and the judge re-called the jury and heard the reading of the verdict, but Burns is merely guessing at what it was. The verdict was guilty and a fine of $25 and cost and 25 days in jail was the punishment, but Ben is not worried about it. — McKinney Daily Courier.

Petersburg Institute.

The Petersburg Local Institute, Friday and Saturday, was more slimly attended than it otherwise would have been had the weather been more favorable. It was organized with C. C. Cross president, W. L. Yarbrough vice-president and Miss Maggie Stewart secretary. Those participating that were on the program are W. N. Dobbs, T. W. Lanham, A. C. Thompson, N. C. Brown, C. C. Cross. County Supt. Shepherd was present part of the time. Miss Hattie Hegecoxe and W. N. Dobbs will prepare a program for the next meeting in February. The Petersburg pupils gave an entertainment Friday night in honor of the Institute for which Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cross were tendered a vote of thanks.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. J. W. Hill and J. B. Rogers attended the district stewards meeting of the Greenville district at Farmersville Thursday.

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Dr. Eustes E. King preached two excellent sermons Sunday, though to small numbers at the Baptist church.

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Rev. J. W. Hill the new Methodist pastor preached Sunday morning, but the afternoon League and night services were suspended.

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Sunday was a gloomy, slushy Sabbath which was very unfavorable to church going. Only a small percent of the usually large congregations braved the elements and mud by attending any of the services of the day.

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Eld. J. N. Crutcher is spending the week with his parents at Plano. In a few days he goes to Whiteboro where he will serve the Christian congregation as pastor. Owing to ill health Eld. Crutcher had to give up his Houston work and seek a higher altitude.

Arrest disease by the timely use of Tutt's Liver Pills, an old and favorite remedy of increasing popularity. Always cures **SICK HEADACHE,** sour stomach, malaria, indigestion, torpid liver, constipation and all bilious diseases.

Fine Watches,
Fine Clocks,
Fine Jewelry,
Cut Glass,
Fine China,
Bisque,
Silver Goods.

Gold Spectacles,
Silver Novelties,
Imported Novelties,
Jardiniers, Etc.

Christmas
. . Presents . .

For Everybody at

D. Goodin's

DESERT DESSERT.

Primitive Baptist Meeting--Personals Locals, Etc.

Dec., 14th, '97.

The Primitive Baptists had an interesting meeting at Blue Ridge Sunday.

A very interesting prayer meeting was held at Cross Roads church Sunday night.

Mr. Tidwell of our community has nothing to do now but ride around in his new wagon recently bought.

Mrs. Walker is visiting sriends in Wolf City this week.

Misses Nora and Josie Tidwell visited friends and relatives in Blue Ridge Sunday.

Mrs. Tate, spoken of in our last writing, is still alive but not expected to live.

Miss Laura Wallace of McKinney is visiting friends in this community.

James Ivy has moved to the Moreland district. We regret to lose Mr. Ivy as he is one of our best friends.

Mr. Blackwood has returned from Houston. He reported that he had a nice time.

RUFUS.

BOWLBY BUDS.

Wheat Needing Rain--Pecan Gathering. Personals.

Dec. 16, '97.

Will Matthews has pneumonia.

Mrs. J. A. Crutcher was taken suddenly ill Saturday night.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Rutherford, a boy the 8th inst.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Landon Duncan, a girl, the 9th.

Pecan gathering is better since the high winds.

Rev. Morgan of McKinney preached an excellent sermon for us Sunday evening and will preach here again the 2d Sunday in January.

Tom Harris and family have returned from the Indian Territory.

Sam Hunter from near Milligan was in our community one day last week.

L. L. Hand moved into our community last Wednesday.

John Stripland moved Tuesday ten miles east of McKinney.

Rennie Hickey paid Rockhill a visit last Saturday.

W. P. Crutcher moved to the Rockhill neighborhood last Monday.

Wheat is needing rain very badly.

Our school is moving along very nicely. Our teacher, Prof. Parker, gave a spelling last Friday night which was very well attended and successfully conducted.

Two of J. B. Blackwell's daughters visited in Greenville last week.

Bob Duncan and family of Vineland was in our community Monday.

Sam Foster of Rhea Mill was in our midst Tuesday last. He said wheat in his vicinity was suffering for rain.

Mrs. Cora Hickey has dengue this week

CENTRAL.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

Farm House Burned.

On Wednesday of last week, while the men folks were at town the farm residence of E. Bowlin, four miles east of McKinney, was burned to the ground. It was occupied by Mr. Bowlin and his two married sons. The fire originated from a defective flue or stove pipe and was under too great a headway when discovered by the ladies to get under control, Rev. Pirtle, who lived near, was early on the scene and assisted in saving only a small portion of the household goods. The building was worth about $500 and was uninsured. Also, about $600 in notes, which were laid away in the clock, were burned. Subscriptions for the benefit of the unfortunate families were circulated by the neighbors. [illegible]

ALTOGA ANTHEMS.

Big Gin Run—Marriage—Gone to Greer County.

Dec. 21, '97.

There was no school at Johnson Friday on account of the teachers attending the Institute.

Sunday was regular meeting day here, but owing to the bad weather there were no services.

Our gin has about closed down for the season after having ginned 630 bales.

William Cowan and Miss Emma Terrell were married Sunday at the home of the brides mother. We wish them much success and happiness in the days to come.

Dr. S. J. Dobbs started for a short stay to Altus, Greer county, Okla, Monday.

We understand there will be a Xmas tree at Verona church Xmas eve.

J. C. Dunn has accepted a position at the Altoga drug store in the absence of Dr. Dobbs.

J. L. Lawson's new residence adds much to the appearance of our city.

W. T. Mitchell and family have moved into their neat, new dwelling.

We are pleased to note that Mr. J. H. Hitchcock who has been confined to his bed for several days is improving.

W. Mantooth is improving his residence.

Health is good in the community so says Dr. Hunter.

Dr. Wright started Monday for a trip to his old home near Nashville, Tenn., where he will stay some fifteen or twenty days.

QUIEN SABE.

Death of Grandma Rogers.

Mrs. Nancy Rogers, one of the old mothers in Israel of Texas, died Sunday Dec. 19, 1897 at the home of her son Beverly Rogers near Rockhill. She had been suffering quite awhile when death came to her relief. She was born in Jackson county, Tenn., Christmas day in the year 1815, and came to Texas in 1850, two years after her husband, the late Joseph B. Rogers, arrived. They settled in Collin county and were numbered among its respected citizens. About 15 years ago her husband died. She was a member of the Methodist church for about 70 years and left no better proof of a devoted Christian life than the fact that her nine surviving children are all professors of her faith and emulate the Godly example she set them in her daily walk and conduct. Living to see her descendents number more than 150 persons, including five generations, she was summoned at last to the reward of the faithful, ripe in years and christian experience and fearing not to meet her master. A large concourse of mourning relatives and sympathizing friends gathered round the grave next day where her body was tenderly laid to rest by the side of her husband's dust. Rev. Miller conducted the funeral rites assisted by Rev. Wm. Allen. THE DEMOCRAT extends condolence to the sorrowing ones in this dark hour of death. The surviving children are, Beverly L. Rogers, Rockhill; Mrs. Alcy Hawkins, of Young county; Mrs. Capt. Kendall, of Dallas; Mrs. W. H. Sherwood, Cleburne; Mrs. Mary Sherwood of Oklahoma, wife of R. F. Sherwood; Clayton Rogers, Rockhill; William Rogers of Dallas; J. A. Rogers of the grocery firm Rogers & Stacy, McKinney, and Mrs. Ada Stacy, widow of the late Jasper Stacy, McKinney.

Real Estate Transfers

List of real estate transfers filed for record in the county clerk's office, McKinney, Texas, for the week ending Dec., 19, 1897.

W P Daniel and wife to H O Arnold, 52a G Stark sur, $1060.

J P Houser to I A Houser, 2 tracts in Susana Walker sur, $500

J P Houser to I A Houser, 3 12-100a Susana Walker sur, $500.

Mrs Alice Smith and husband to J A Houser, 12 6-10a Susana Walker sur, $180.

M E Shelley et al to J M and M A Woody, 50a John Lee Wright sur, $1000.

E T Patillo and wife to J B Dodson, 51 18-100a M Hart sur, $1381.85.

J B Dodson and wife to J R Edwards, 51 18-100a M Hart sur, $1700.

Charley Colston to S C McReynolds, 86 3-4a Joseph Strickland sur, $4200.

Geo Baxter et al to R E Graves 16 3-10a, W H Hunt sur, $400.

W B Newsome and wife to Pete Wetsel, 11 1-2a, Calvin Boles sur, $115.

A K Tavener and wife to E McCabe, lot in McKinney, $800.

W M Sachse to D B Sachse —a, D Herring sur, $2400.

B Gierheart et al to R A Bishop, 42 12-100a, D Cherry sur, $1000.

Pete Wetsel et al to D F Gerrish, 44 1-2a, Calvin Boles sur, $1000.

T B Carroll and wife to John T Teel, Lot 2, blk 10, Allen $100.

F M Thompson to W A Beck, lot in Coleman addition to city of McKinney, $500.

L A Scott to A S Aycock, 46 7-10a, Thos McClanahan and J W Anglin surs, $500.

T L Ballard to J L Ballard, undivided 1-8 int in Warner Ballard est, $200.

W L Nelson to J A Estes, 14a [illegible]

Puthuff sur, $250 and exchange of lands.

M C Gantt and wife to E L Wallis, lot in McKinney $200.

W J S Russell and wife to W B Webb, lot in W J S Russell addition to city of McKinney, $150.

W H Holmes to E A Everidge, 104 3-10a B Clark sur, $2086.

J L Doggett and wife to C B Touchstone, 147 3-32a Joseph Matthews sur, $2800.

J T Murphy and Emma Murphy to H C Overaker, lot in Murphy, $100.

K M Peterson and wife to Martin Peterson and Simmie Peterson, 173 43-100a I C Crabtree sur, $2300, love and affection.

A M Wilson to T G Boorman, 33 1.2a Hardin Wright sur, $500.

J M Hugeley to T J and J W Motley, 3 75-100a M R Foster sur, 150.00.

T J and J W Motley et al to J M Hugeley, 3 70-100a M R Foster sur, 150.00.

Mary A and S B Allen to W C Johnson, 2 62-100a, F De la Pina sur, 110.00.

Ed McCabe and wife to U P Clardy, lot in Bradley's addition to city of McKinney, 150.00

Ed McCabe and wife to A V Clardy lot in Bradley's addition to city of McKinney, 150.00.

R A Bishop et al to B Gierhart, 2 lots in Princeton, exchange of lands.

H B Reeves and wife R L Elliston, 2 tracts in J C Neil and Wm Dobbs surs $1250.

R G Reeves to R L Elliston, 2 tracts in J C Neil and Wm Dobbs sur, $1250.

R L Ellison and wife to S P Shipman, 25a, J C Neil sur; 47 [illegible] Wm Dobbs sur; 2[illegible] J C

Almarine Wilson and wife to R A Bishop, lot in Princeton, $21.00.

Mrs. C A Gossett to W A Walters, int. in J H Gossett dec'd est, $1, and certain other valuable considerations.

A B and E A Gossett et al to W S Walters, 60a, —— sur, $900.

Wylie Cemetery company to Mrs. C S Gossett, lot, $15.

James P Griffin to Emma Bryant, 31a, W D Thompson sur, $1100.

Josie Merritt to T S Thomas, 35a, T. Helms sur, $455.

G W Kendall to C M Rucker, 17 1-2a, Carter T Cleft sur, $250.

J E and Minnie Henry to Wm F Garmin, 50a, D. Cherry sur., $1200.

C B Touchstone to J L Galey, 50a, John Lee Wright sur, $1250.

Mrs. S. A. C. Striplin guardian to Fox Striplin, 40a, Jas Osgood sur, $1537.50.

Heirs of R S Stambaugh to Mary A. Stambough, et al, partition deed.

J R Brown and wife to W O Carey, 49 57-100a, C T Cleft sur, $1337.

L M Dunn et ux to W P Soffell int. in 41 1-2a, Ed Ohara sur, $300.

C C Yaw to G W Cull, 35 1-5a, Hardin Wright sur, 665.

T E Ball to C C Yaw, 35 1-5a, Hardin Wright sur, 665.

T J Ground to T E Ball, 35 1-5a Hardin Wright sur, 500.

W B Odom and wife to Jim McBride, 22 1-4a, Wm Wheat sur; 35a, Wm Wheat sur; 1 1-4a, —— sur, 1550.

County court will [illegible] suspended next [illegible] holidays.

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ROCKHILL PEBBLES.

Orange Blossoms---Sudden Death of a Child---Other News Bits.

Rockhill, Tex., Dec. 13, 1897.

Two of Rockhill's most prominent young people, Lew Bell and Miss Leroa Stevenson were married at Walnut Grove last Sunday evening at 2 o'clock. Rev. Hornbeak performing the ceremony. They were accompanied by Henry Spencer and Miss Mollie Stephenson, Josh Hand and Miss Bessie Stevenson, Horace Ball and Miss Stella Youngblood, Will Shrader and Miss Eula Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Kate Bell, Miss Mary Robberson and Alfred Baker. After the ceremony they returned to the home of the bride's parents where they were given a reception.

Jim Shipley's little child, after an illness of six hours, died Sunday evening and was buried Monday at Walnut Grove cemetery where the services were held by Rev. Martin. The parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. Covey of our community moved this morning eight miles east of McKinney, where he will reside the coming year.

Yesterday evening while going from school, little Henry Bell and sister ran over one of Mr. Self's little girls, accidentally, but the child is not injured seriously.

The local institute met with the Rockhill school, Friday and Saturday last, during which every thing was spent very pleasantly discussing different subjects. Friday night the school gave an entertainment for the benefit of the teachers, which was a success in every respect and much enjoyed by those present. A dinner was served on the ground Friday.

STUDENT.

Citation.

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Collin county, greeting: You are hereby commanded that by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the county of Collin, if there be a newspaper published in said, county (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published), for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon W. H. Hawkins, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Collin at the court house thereof, in the city of McKinney on the sixth Monday after the first Monday in February, the same being the 21st day of March, 1898, file number being 4677, then and there to answer the petition of Cinthia Hawkins filed in said court on the 14th day of Dec., A. D. 1897, against the said W. H. Hawkins and alleging in substance as follows, to wit: That heretofore to wit: On the — day of 1886 plaintiff was a resident citizen of Collin county and has continuously since that time resided in said county and state of Texas. About the last named day and date plaintiff and defendent were married and lived together until about the 11th day of June, 1894, when defendent abandoned plaintiff with the intention of permanent abandonment and has since been separate and apart from plaintiff. Premises considered plaintiff prays citation issue to defendant and on final hearing she be granted a divorce, and that her maiden name, Cinthia Fitch, be restored to her.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court in McKinney, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1897. Attest E. R. Hall, Clerk District Court, Collin County, Texas. (seal)

The standing of a newspaper is like wine—it improves with age. It has seemed to me that the trade bringing powers of newspapers for legitimate merchandisers depend as much upon the age of the publication and the confidence the public has in it, as it does upon the width of its circulation. —Philip A. Conne.

Beware Of the Knife.

Mr. Lincoln Nelson, of Marshfield, Mo., writes: "For six years I have been a sufferer from a scrofulous affection of the glands of my neck, and all efforts of physicians in Washington, D. C., Springfield, Ill., and St. Louis failed to reduce the enlargement. After six months' constant treatment here, my physician urged me to submit to a removal of the gland. At this critical moment a friend recommended S.S.S., and laying aside a deep-rooted prejudice against all patent medicines, I began its use. Before I had used one bottle the enlargement began to disappear, and now it is entirely gone, though I am not through with my second bottle yet. Had I only used your S.S.S. long ago, I would have escaped years of misery and saved over $150."

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POPULISTS IN CAUCUS.

Members will Resist All Measures to Destroy The Civil Service Regulations—Favor Bankruptcy Law.

Washington, Dec. 16.—A caucus of the populist members of the house of representatives was held at the National hotel tonight. The following resolutions were adopted unanimously, except that referring to the civil service:

Resolved, that it is the sense of this caucus that we will resist all efforts to so modify the existing civil service law as to enable any party that may be in power to fill the different positions in civil service with partisans.

Resolved, that, we are opposed to and will resist all efforts to destroy our greenbacks and treasury notes whether it be by direct legislation or by the subterfuge of refusing to reissue the same except in exchange for gold.

Resolved, that we are opposed to any scheme of enlarging the powers of national banks; that we oppose the confering of the power to issue notes designed to have the same functions as money, to any banks, corporation or individual.

Resolved, that we favor the early consideration and passage of a joint resolution recognizing the independence of the Cuban republic.

Resolved, that we are in favor of the early passage of an equitable voluntary bankruptcy bill.

BLUE RIDGE INSTITUTE.

Holds a Two Days Session Friday and Saturday--Teachers Present, Program Notes.

Blue Ridge, Tex., Dec. 13, '97.

The local teachers institute of the Blue Ridge district met at Blue Ridge, December 10.

Prof. J. H. Wadkins of Blue Ridge was elected chairman, and Miss Rosa Bass of Pike secretary.

The following teachers were present: Miss Ivy Fonville of Free Grass, Miss Maggie Edwards of Glen S. H., Miss Mattie Gray of Blue Ridge, J. H. Wadkins of Blue Ridge, C. L. Hunter of Flower S. H., J. H. Sutherland of West S. H., T. C. Andrews of Cross Roads, E. C. Forbes of Rosamond, J. S. Leonard of Stony Point, J. T. Slover of Pike, D. M. Kelly of New Life, W. A. Hart of Blue Ridge, D. W. Grounds of Grounds S. H., A. S. Dickerson of Union, J. J. McKinney of Sellers S. H., G. W. West of Red Oak, J. A. Webb of Barnett S. H., Miss Rosa Bass of Pike, W. L. Roper of White Cap, W. E. Anderson of Valdasta, J. F. Bell of Fayburg, Otto C. Downworth of Moreland, Roy Standefer of Sedalia, E. W. Duke of Pike.

The morning session was devoted to the discussion of the subjects G. C. D., L. C. M. and Physiology, led by Messrs. Anderson, Andrews and Roper.

At noon the teachers were taken to the hospitable homes of the good people of the little village and entertained in a royal manner. The afternoon of the tenth was devoted to the discussion of the subjects of reading and algebraic factoring, led by Miss Rosa Bass and Messrs. Grounds and Andrews.

On Dec. 11 the forenoon discussions were devoted to grammar and psychology, and were very interesting and instructive. Messers. Hart and Dunsworth led the discussion in grammar, while Mr. Kelly led in psychology.

In the afternoon Messrs. Webb and Slover led in history while Miss Mattie Grow led the subject of spelling.

Prof. J. H. Watkins then delivered a lecture on on the "Relation of Teacher to Patron and Pupil," and was followed by Mr. Hunter who read a paper on the subject which was pronounced by all to be most excellent.

The institute then adjourned to meet again in February.

NOTES.

Miss Fonville displayed great tact in drawing out the teachers on subjects which they seemed to be "shy" on.

Prof. Watkins makes a splendid presiding officer and by his genial smiles and pleasant manners won the hearts of all.

The good people of "The Ridge" seemed disappointed because there were not enough teachers to go round and some of them were left without guests to entertain.

Dr. Woodall "took the whole thing in" and it seemed to call up in his mind memories of the past.

Among those in attendance who were not teachers or students of the school we noticed T. A. Pruitt, W. A. Moyers, Dr. Woodall, Sol Dorn, John Teague, J. B. Willbanks and Miss McGowan.

OBSERVER.

The residence of Patrick Leahy burned at Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17. The father and five children perished in the flames while only the mother and one child escaped.

Aunt Fannie Goings, 106 years old died at Longview, Tex., last week. She was a bright negro and was as sprightly as a cricket up to a month ago, when she took her bed with pneumonia and died day before yesterday evening.

Ex-State Treasurer C. B. Collins of Florida, has been acquitted of embezzlement. He did [illegible] that he was short $[illegible] but had no

AN APOSTROPHE TO HOPE.

Deputy Grand Master Sam R. Hamilton of Farmersville to the Masons at Houston.

Sam R. Hamilton of Farmersville is one of the most eminent Masons in Texas and will probably be the next Grand Master of the state. The following apostrophe on hope was his conclusion to a Masonic poem which he recited recently in the Houston Masonic Temple during the sessions of the committee on work following the Grand Lodge meeting:

"With silvery tongue and dainty fingers, Hope plays upon a golden string and sings to us the melody of a resurrection and an endless life. The comforting strains of her music reverberate through all the corridors of our mystic temple. Its sweet cadences cheer us while we live, comfort us when we come to die and linger like a pleasant requiem about our new-made graves when we sleep the sleep of death.

"Yes, Hope is the anchor of the soul; both sure and steadfast and anchored to that within the vail. Yes, Hope plants the sprig of evergreen at the head of our graves and sits there through all the intervening years singing the peans of immortality, and proclaiming that our lifeless clay shall be raised by the power of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, and that in a land far brighter than this our bodies and souls reunited shall bloom in eternal spring.

"Thus, my brethren, I close this recitation with the solemn thought of death, which without revelation is dark and gloomy. But the good Mason is suddenly revived by the evergreen and every living sprig of faith in the merits of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, which strengthens him with confidence and composure to look forward to a blessed immortality, and doubts not but in the glorious morn of the resurrection his body shall rise and become as incorruptible as his soul. Then let us imitate the example of our ancient patron in his virtuous and amiable conduct, in his unfeigned piety to God and in his inflexible fidelity to his trust, that we may welcome the grim tyrant Death, receiving him as a kind messenger sent from our supreme grand master to translate us from this imperfect to that all perfect, glorious and celestial lodge above, where the supreme architect of the universe presides."

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AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

The City Where Tom Watson Was Counted Out for Congress

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 2.—After an election unparalled for corruption, former United States Senator Patrick Walsh was elected to the Mayoralty over Dan Kerr, representative of the old ring, and former postmaster Dunbar, the candidate of the A. P. A. organization.

The Kerr forces, past masters in the art of politics, were beaten at their own game.

In the First, Second, Third and Fifth Wards the Walsh workers packed the polling places at 2 o'clock in the morning with lines of negroes and it was two hours before the Kerr negroes can be brought to the polls. In the meantime the Walsh negroes, waving their new $5 bills openly in the faces of the black cohorts of Kerr demorolized and finally captured them.

There are 3,000 negro voters in Augusta and the quotations at 1 p. m. were as follows: Influential negro-preachers, barbers, captains of military companies, leaders in secret societies—from $12 to $17 apiece; draymen, hackdrivers and hotel porters, from $8 to $12; "stubborn" negroes, from $6 to $10; common ordinary "coons," from $3 to $5.

The first real move of the election was made at 2 o'clock in the morning, when 350 Walsh negroes broke into the court-house and captured the polls in the Second Ward. This was worth a great deal to Mr. Walsh. When the polls opened there were 400 negro votes to be cast for Walsh before one could be put in for Kerr. As each negro deposited his ballot for Walsh (and it was easy to identify them, because all of them were printed on red, white and blue paper), he was given a slip by a Walsh worker. The negro walked across the court-house yard and one of the Walsh treasurers handed him an envelope in which was found a brand new $5 bill. The yells of delight of these negroes, the brandishing in the air of their new, crisp bills set, the Kerr negroes crazy, and soon they were tearing of their Kerr badges and replacing them with ribboned likenesses of Walsh.

These are but samples of what was seen at yesterday's elections.

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